

Senator NUNN worked on a bipartisan basis to rebuild America's military.

Senator NUNN has also worked with another military expert, Senator RICHARD LUGAR, in working with the former Soviet Republic to relinquish their nuclear weapons.

On nondefense matters, I have appreciated Senator NUNN's strong support for a balanced budget amendment, product liability reform, and anticrime and antidrug efforts.

The high respect in which Senator NUNN is held in Washington, DC, is echoed in his home State of Georgia. In 1978, Senator NUNN won reelection with 83 percent of the vote. In 1984, he received 80 percent, he ran completely unopposed.

It goes without saying, then, that Senator NUNN could have won reelection this year. He has chosen to leave on his own terms, and I have no doubt that his voice will continue to be an important one for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO AL SIMPSON

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, as I look back on my years in the Senate, there are many Members to whom I am indebted for the friendship and support they have given me. I can think of no better friend, however, and no more reliable ally than AL SIMPSON.

As all Members know, AL served for 10 years as Republican whip. And no doubt about it, he made being Republican leader a much easier job. Every time I needed help, every time there was work to be done, every time something was needed as soon as possible, AL SIMPSON was there, getting the job done, and doing it with the one of a kind sense of humor that is his trademark.

AL SIMPSON is not only one of the wittiest men in Washington, he is also one of the most courageous.

From immigration to entitlement reform, he has made a habit of tackling the toughest and most controversial of issues, calling them as he sees them, and letting the cards fall where they may.

A few weeks back, much of Washington gathered to salute AL SIMPSON. Well, actually, much of Washington gathered to salute AL's wife, Ann. I regret that a delayed flight kept me from attending what by all reports was a wonderful evening. Speaker after speaker—Republicans and Democrats alike—rose to salute AL and Ann for all they have done for this institution and this city.

The highlight of the event was when former President George Bush offered an emotional tribute to the man who he called his best friend in the Senate. While AL's retirement means that President Bush is gaining a fishing buddy, it means that the Senate is losing one of its finest.

I have said before that AL SIMPSON embodies the American spirit many associate with the American cowboy. He is honest, independent, and he always

judges people not by money or position—but by character.

It was once written that "out where the handclasp's a little stronger, out where the smile dwells a little longer, that is where the West begins."

If that is the case, then the fact of the matter is that the West begins wherever AL SIMPSON is, because wherever he goes, he brings handclaps and smiles with him.

TRIBUTE TO NANCY KASSEBAUM

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I guess it is hard to pay tribute to my colleague, Senator KASSEBAUM, because she has done such an outstanding job. And there is no question about it. She is the most popular politician we have had in our State—the most popular "politician in politics," let us put it that way; some do not like the word "politician"—for years.

Over the past several days, I have paid tribute to those colleagues who are retiring from the Senate at the conclusion of the 104th Congress; this is my final tribute.

During my years representing Kansas in the U.S. Senate, it has been my privilege to serve alongside two remarkable colleagues from Kansas.

The first was Jim Pearson, who was a Senator of great common sense and great integrity—a Senator who was widely respected by Members on both sides of the aisle.

For the past 18 years, I have had the privilege of serving alongside another person respected by all Senators for her common sense and integrity—Senator NANCY LANDON KASSEBAUM.

Senator KASSEBAUM is retiring at the end of this session, so she can spend more time with her children and grandchildren. The voters of Kansas, who have cast their ballots for her in overwhelming numbers, understand her desire to come home, but they also understand that this Chamber will be losing one of its most thoughtful and effective Members.

NANCY KASSEBAUM does not speak in a loud voice. She does not clamor for media attention. But as all Senators know, while her voice may be quiet, her will is strong. For 18 years she has simply represented the people of Kansas to the best of her abilities, and she had made a positive difference for Kansas and America in the process.

As a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator KASSEBAUM has made a habit of staking out policies that provide to be prophetic. She was instrumental in the policies that helped to move South Africa away from apartheid, and she saw Saddam Hussein as a danger long before many others.

As ranking member and then Chair of the Labor and Human Resources Committee, she had fought to return dollars and decisions to the local levels, remembering the words of her father, Alf Landon, who once said, "There are some smart people in Washington, DC. There are more of them in Topeka."

Although as of tomorrow, I will no longer be NANCY's colleague, I will still be her constituent. And along with all other Kansans, I will take great pride in being able to say for 6 more months—as I have for 18 years—that NANCY KASSEBAUM is my Senator.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JIM EXON

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I have often said that the people of Kansas and Nebraska share a great deal in common besides a border. We share commonsense values. We share agricultural interests. We share a preference for public officials who say what they will do, and who do what they say.

For the past 26 years—8 in the Governor's office, and 18 here in the Senate—one of Nebraska's preeminent public officials has been JIM EXON.

A small businessman before he entered public service, Senator EXON has devoted a great deal of time to restoring fiscal responsibility to Government. Senator EXON practices what he preaches, regularly returning a substantial portion of his office allowance to the treasury.

Senator EXON has also proposed a budget freeze, and did vote for the balanced budget amendment last year. And Senator EXON knows how much I regret his decision to now oppose that amendment.

Senator EXON and I have disagreed on a variety of issues over the years, but with me—as with every other Senator—JIM EXON was always upfront and to the point.

I join with all my colleagues in wishing JIM and Pat EXON the best as they return to the State they love so much and have served so well.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT BYRD

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, during 1987 and 1988, I delivered a series of nearly 300 brief speeches on the Senate floor to commemorate the long history of this great institution.

Each of these so-called Senate bicentennial minutes focused on a significant person, custom, or event associated with the Senate's development during its first two centuries.

The inspiration for this project came from my fellow floor leader during that 100th Congress, Senator ROBERT C. BYRD. Beginning in 1980, Senator BYRD launched an unprecedented series of hour-long addresses to the Senate detailing this body's rich history. The 100-part series was completed in November 1989.

In recognition of this extraordinary achievement, Congress agreed to publish these addresses in four richly illustrated volumes that today are universally known as "Byrd's Senate History."

Senator BYRD has not only written about the Senate's history, he has also made it. He has set so many major records that he can justly be considered the Cal Ripken and the Michael Jordan of the Senate.